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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

FUEL SITUATION.

7.8.72.

Further relaxations on the sale of petrol in South Australia were announced by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today.

This followed meetings between senior public servants and oil industry representatives and consideration of the latest situation by State Cabinet this morning.

The Premier stressed, however, that it was not yet possible to give a date for a general lifting of restrictions on sales throughout the State.

Supplies at present held by service stations in the metropolitan area - some 600,000 gallons - would not last one day if released immediately because there would be a sudden, heavy demand.

But Mr. Dunstan repeated that the position was being kept under continuous review and that restrictions would be lifted in full at the earliest possible moment.

The relaxations announced by Mr. Dunstan today are:-

- From midnight tonight restrictions will be lifted entirely in the South East because of the relative buoyancy of stocks there. The South East is defined as the area below a line drawn from ten miles north of Francis across to Kingston.

Also from midnight tonight -

- Any employer who does not have facilities for storing petrol will be issued with a permit to enable him to continue his business.
- Permits will be issued to employers for their own needs and to enable them to supply shift workers who can reasonably demonstrate they need the fuel to travel to work.
- Permits will be issued to self-employed people who can demonstrate that they require to use their vehicles to carry out day to day business activities.
- Permits will be issued in the metropolitan area at Elizabeth, Queenstown, Darlington and Holden Hill police stations in addition to the State Administration Centre between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All weekday telephone enquiries should be made through 28-4811.